## **Jesus: Greater than Angels**

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For what primary reason was the book of Hebrews written?
The writer of this book will systematically address each of the familiar methods through which God has interacted with man – angels, priests, covenants, sacrifices and prophets – showing how Jesus Christ is the greater and better fulfillment of each of these
gifts.
How did the Hebrews view angels before they heard the gospel?  T M P R  God has made it clear that Jesus is greater than the angels by the things He has about Jesus. The author leans on the evidence of scripture.
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Hebrews 1:5
Angels are beings.  Jesus is a being. (and the ONLY one!)
Jesus is a being. (and the ONL) one:
Hebrews 1:6 Jesus is greater than the angels because the angels are commanded to Jesus. (see also Luke 2:13-14)
Hebrews 1:7-12
Angels minister useful work to the Lord, but their contributions are
and limited, like a fire of flame or the rushing wind. In contrast, the reigning work of Jesus lasts forever and is in its scope and duration.
*What are some of the ways that the enemy tries to get us to believe that anything in creation might be more worthy of our attention, affection, or faith than Jesus?

Angels are ministering spirits, but Jesus is ruler over (see Philippians 2:9-11)
Hebrews 2:5-8 Jesus is greater than the angels because He has over them.
*What does it mean that Jesus has been made 'lower than the angels'? (see Matthew 25:53)
Hebrews 2:8b-13  Jesus did what the angels could not do for us – He took on flesh and in our place.
Hebrews 2:14-18 While the angels do battle against the spiritual forces of darkness on our behalf, it is only Jesus who has the power not only to withstand but to the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.